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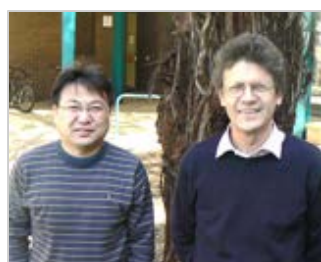
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From the Chancellery

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It is every researcher's dream to have a positive impact on their community. Director of UniSA's Sansom Institute for Health Research, Professor Kerin O'Dea AO, has an exciting opportunity to achieve significant improvement in Indigenous health with the awarding of a National Health and Medical Research Council program grant.

Kerin has been active in health research in collaboration with Indigenous communities for three decades and will now lead the program grant *'Improving chronic disease outcomes for Indigenous Australians: Causes, Interventions, System*

Change', receiving \$8.19m over five years. She is supported by highly experienced and multi-skilled Chief Investigators from UniSA (Professors Robyn McDermott, John Lynch and Leonie Segal) and the University of Melbourne, and a team of Indigenous partners and collaborating researchers.



L-R: Chancellor, Dr Ian Gould; Professor Kerin O'Dea; Hon John Hill, Minister for Health; Professor John Lynch; Professor Leonie Segal; Professor Robyn McDermott.

Diabetes and cardiovascular diseases occur in epidemic proportions among Indigenous Australians, with a very early age of onset and high rates of preventable complications. This major research program aims to better understand these conditions, and to guide the development of diet, lifestyle, clinical and health system interventions in order to minimise their adverse impacts and improve health overall.

Kerin is an eminent academic and internationally recognised researcher. Her research to date has dramatically affected chronic disease in Indigenous communities, with major improvements achieved for entire communities. Importantly, these improvements in health have been shown to be sustainable in the long term.

This new grant will enable Kerin and her team to build on previous research, assess mortality and morbidity, monitor the health of individuals and populations and also mentor Indigenous researchers.

Kerin and her fellow grant recipients aim to achieve direct and immediate benefits and also achieve and sustain changes in systems that affect the behaviours of providers, patients and communities.

Kerin's passion for improving public health outcomes has a wide scope, reaching all levels of industry and government. In this area of great need, Kerin and her team hope to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians.

Pro Vice Chancellor: Division of Health Science
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Carolyn's Trek

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by Alex Doudy

Carolyn Donlan is not looking forward to jumping out of her comfort zone and into a pen full of live tuna, but she'll brave it for *Variety, the Children's Charity*.

The Disability Advisor from UniSA's Learning and Teaching Unit is one of 12 volunteers set to tackle all sorts of terrain as they make their way on foot from Port Adelaide to Port Lincoln to raise money for Variety Kickin4Kids program which raises funds to support Variety's Freedom program, helping children in need to gain mobility and independence.



But it's the end of the trek that Carolyn is dreading the most after finding out that they have to swim with tuna in the ocean when they arrive at Port Lincoln.

"I would rather walk 100 miles than swim with tuna in a big ocean pen because they're huge," said Carolyn. "Apparently they just bang into you and they don't care and there's just so many of them bashing into you – that doesn't interest me.

"But I'll do it. If I pass out someone will just have to get me out of the water."

Apart from doing battle with huge fish, part of Carolyn's challenge is to raise \$10,000 by the end of October for Kickin4Kids, which raises money for Variety SA's Freedom Program.

"On my lunch breaks, when I get them, I've been walking the streets of Mawson Lakes to letter drop invitations and requests for donations," she said.

"Although it's really hard work, when you're thinking it's all too difficult you just stop and remember 'well hang on a minute, how hard is it really?' All I'm doing is asking people for money, and that's nothing compared to living with a disability."

The 2010 Kickin4Kids trekkers recently met with a family whose teenage son has been unable to independently leave the family home because of complications with his wheelchair.

"The Kickin4Kids Program has funded the electronic equipment that allows him to open doors, so he can be an independent person to get in and out of the house so that he doesn't have to rely on his parents anymore," she explained.

"When you break it down and think about the reality of what that means, you realise what a significant difference \$10,000 can make to someone's life."

Leading the Port to Port Trek will be Channel 9 sports reporter Troy Gray who is also filming the event for a TV documentary.

The event begins on October 25, but trekkers have yet to be told exactly what organisers have in

store.

"At this stage a lot of it is kept secret to make it a bit more adventurous for us," said Carolyn. "I'm not an extreme adventure person but I like being active and trying new things, and the cause itself is the main thing."

For more information or to make a donation towards Carolyn's trek visit [here](#). To ensure donations can be attributed to Carolyn's fundraising tally write Carolyn Donlan Port to Port Trek in the 'optional information/ special message' field. To find out more about Variety, the Children's Charity, visit their [website](#).

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Teaching aspirations for inspiring student

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by Alex Doudy

When Leechelle Trott found out she was one of two South Australians to win an inaugural Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship, she was convinced it was a trick.

"It's still a shock," Leechelle said. "When I received the phone call I thought it was a hoax. I got the call from a guy whose name I didn't recognise and he said I had won the scholarship and I thought - you must be joking."

The second year Bachelor of Education (Primary and Middle) student will receive \$25,000 a year for the remainder of her degree and was presented with the award by the Governor-General at Government House in August.

But it was a bitter sweet moment for the mature-age student whose 17-year-old sister died earlier this year.

"When I got the phone call saying that I had been selected for the interview stage I was in the middle of arranging the funeral so I almost didn't go," she said.

"But I spoke with my Grandmother and Uncle about what I should do, and my Grandmother said you have to think about yourself because after all this is over you still have to go back to your life.

"So I decided to have the interview and when I went back to Canberra for the awards ceremony, the personal secretary to the Governor-General said that out of everyone, my interview stood out."

Leechelle was able to attend the ceremony with close family and friends, including her sister's best friend who was motivated by the experience.

"She came along for inspiration and to know that there are things out there for young people who wish to take up further education," she said.

"She said she never realised that a ceremony could be so formal and that you could receive such a prestigious award.

"Coming from a 14-year-old girl it was fantastic to hear and know that she could share in the experience as well."

Now back at uni for second semester, Leechelle is busy looking after her young daughter, taking seven subjects to make up for the ones she missed last semester, and is also undertaking her first teaching placement with a Year 4/5 class.

She also continues to work part-time as an Aboriginal Community Education Officer at the Department of Education, a job that inspired her to apply for teaching through the special adult re-



entry program.

“There were a lot of teaching skills that I was picking up in my role but I was limited to what I could do so I started asking about the education program and what was involved,” she said.

“It’s the best thing I’ve ever done and I wouldn’t change it for anything. I love what I do, I love every aspect of it.”

Leechelle said she will put some of the scholarship money towards paying her university fees and would also like to travel to Peru next year to attend the World Indigenous Peoples Education Conference.

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SA's heritage heroes

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by Katrina Kalleske

The Hawke Centre at UniSA hosted the 2010 Heritage Heroes Awards recently, acknowledging a number of South Australian volunteers who give their time to heritage initiatives in the State.

The awards, co-presented by the Hawke Centre, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the SA Heritage Council, recognise the huge role that volunteers play in maintaining and restoring many heritage sites across the State, while at the same time building engaged communities and modeling active citizenship.

"The collective effort of heritage volunteers ensures that South Australia's unique settlement story is kept alive and understood by visitors and locals," said Elizabeth Ho, Director of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre.

"When it comes to breathing life into heritage buildings or running rural museums or regional attractions like the Pichi Richi Railway, these volunteers are at the forefront of preserving our history through their active commitment.

"This not only feeds into community pride, it also helps the economy through the State cultural tourism industry and local business support and development.

"More and more heritage projects are also paying respect to the Aboriginal stories and history of place, and this assists reconciliation agendas."

There were several Minister's commendations and awards at the presentation event in August, including to the Koppio Volunteer Group from the Koppio Smithy National Trust Museum on the Eyre Peninsula; the Adelaide Gaol Preservation Society; and to Ms Anita Aspinall AM who is the recently retired President of the National Trust of South Australia.

The Hawke Centre has been a partner in the Heritage Heroes Awards since its inception last year.

The Hawke Centre and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are working on establishing a regular youth award in the next round and they will be encouraging UniSA students who are associated with a local heritage project to seek nomination.



At the Heritage Heroes Awards, L-R Dr Christine Garnaut, Member, SA Heritage Council; Clare Kinlock, Heritage Branch, DENR; Raina Nechvoglod, Heritage Branch, DENR; UniSA's Chancellor Dr Ian Gould; the Hon Paul Caica, Minister for Environment & Conservation; and Elizabeth Ho, Director, The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre.

Sign up for Hawke Centre events

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Green MoU with Taiwan

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by Katrina Kalleske

UniSA has formed a partnership with a university in Taiwan that could lead to more sustainable energy options for South Australians.

The new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UniSA and National Tsing Hua University will focus on joint research and innovations in environmental sustainability.

UniSA's Pro Vice Chancellor of the Division of Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment, Professor Andrew Parfitt, signed the MoU with Professor Ming-Chuen Yip, Vice President of National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) in August.



"UniSA is very pleased that the relationship with NTHU has developed to the stage where there are tangible opportunities that can be pursued under a MoU," said Professor Parfitt.

"The application of sustainable technologies and practices developed under the collaboration will be a clear benefit to the Asia Pacific region."

UniSA Adjunct Senior Research Fellow with the Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technologies, Dr David Ness, has been involved in collaborations with NTHU since the start of the relationship in 2007, and said it might open doors for students.

"The general theme of the MoU cooperation is initially proposed to be smart and affordable technological and system innovations, comparative studies and other projects that benefit economic, social and environmental sustainability," Dr Ness said.

"UniSA will also benefit from exchange of students and staff between the two Universities."

In December a "Greening Optimisation forum" is being held in Taiwan, hosted by NTHU, Tsinghua Beijing and North Carolina University. The forum will focus on green supply chain management, service optimisation and renewable energy technology and management. An innovative design competition and paper presentation will also be open to students. More information is available [here](#).

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SA's housing dreams

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by Alex Doudy

The transformation of the South Australian home from a tiny austere abode to a detached suburban dwelling is fascinatingly documented in a new exhibition that is co-curated by UniSA's Architecture Museum Collections Manager Dr Julie Collins.

Suburban Dreams: House and Home in Adelaide 1945-1965, explores the changes in SA's housing.

While most of us take our comfortably-sized homes for granted, Dr Collins said things were very different for South Australians in the post-war period.



"The population of metropolitan Adelaide increased by 88 per cent between 1947 and 1966, and with the massive population increase there was a huge housing shortage," she said.

"Australia was about 300,000 houses short. All of a sudden everyone had to get building and find a home and there was a desperate need for shelter.

"People were actually camping in tents and living in other peoples' houses by renting out front rooms."

But the austerity of the 1940s fuelled a new era of innovation, with South Australians using ingenious techniques to cope with the housing crisis.

Just one example on display at the exhibition is the story of the South Australian Home Builders' Club, a group of labourers who had no choice but to work together if they wanted to build their own home.

"They had to put in 200 hours of their own work on the weekends to become a signed up member and qualify for a foundation and then another 2000 hours to get their walls built," Dr Collins said.

"They'd go around in trade gangs where they'd all put up someone's foundation one week and then someone else's walls the next week, which saved a lot on labour."

The Migration Museum exhibition traces the evolution of the home through to the fifties and sixties when prosperity and wealth gave shape to the great Australian Dream of home ownership, an aspiration entrenched in the Australian psyche ever since.

It took Dr Collins and History SA Senior Curator Mandy Paul a year to source the material for the exhibition, with most items coming from UniSA's Architecture Museum as well as a few surprises sent in from the public and a commemorative tap from Queen Elizabeth the Second's 1963 visit to Adelaide from the SA Housing Trust's collection.

"It's been one of the most successful and rewarding collaborations I've been involved in," Dr Collins said.

Suburban Dreams: House and Home in Adelaide 1945-1965 is open free to the public and is being run in conjunction with the “Home is Where the Heart” exhibition at the Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Avenue, Adelaide, from 10am-5pm weekdays and 1pm-5pm weekends and public holidays. For more information visit the [website](#).

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Second time around success

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by Alex Doudy

Winning a state-wide prize for academic success is certainly not what student Andrew Storr would have predicted for himself a few years ago.

The Bachelor of Commerce student, originally dropped out of the degree in 2002 after deciding university life wasn't for him at the time. But with his priorities focused back on university, earlier this year Andrew won the Economics Society of Australia (SA) Prize for the State's highest grade in microeconomics.

It was a nice surprise for the now mature-aged student.



"I'd gotten pretty good grades for my assignments throughout the semester and I felt pretty confident about the exam, but I was shocked to learn I was the highest out of the whole State," Andrew said.

After graduating from St John's College in Whyalla in 2001, Andrew moved to Adelaide to begin his tertiary studies in 2002 but found he wasn't in the right mindset for university and completed one year before moving back to Whyalla.

"My priorities were just not with study back then, moving up from the country to stay at Aquinas College, the atmosphere was much more social than academic – my grades weren't great," he said.

But motivation isn't a problem anymore for the 26-year-old working towards a career in accounting, who says achieving the accolade inspires him to keep working hard.

"It's really good motivation for continuing on into the next semester," Andrew said.

"It's something you can have in front of you in your study and every time you get a bit lazy or start falling behind you can look at it and think: that's what I'm capable of."

Given his wedding was two days after the awards ceremony he first thought he wouldn't be able to attend, but given the prestige of the award he made it a priority.

"When I thought about it, someone only has to beat you by one mark so I decided it wasn't an opportunity I wanted to pass up," he said.

Andrew now has his sights set on joining the finance team at OneSteel in Whyalla and completing his Certified Public Accountant accreditation.

In the meantime, Andrew is kept busy leading peer-assisted tutorial sessions as well as his role as a Student Body Representative with UniLife, and spending time camping with his wife and 11-month-year-old.

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Snacks for social responsibility

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by Rachel Broadley

Imagine if sugary snacks and soft drinks were good for you. Sound too good to be true? Well, maybe, but for the next few weeks indulging your sweet tooth can do some good in the world while you watch great films for free at UniLife's *Free Movie Friday* at the City West campus.



Every Friday until late October, you can watch films like *Changeling*, *Million Dollar Baby* and *The Bourne Ultimatum* free of charge, and snack your way to social responsibility as profits from drinks and snacks donated by UniLife costing only \$1 each, will go to providing shelter for people affected by natural disasters.

UniLife will use the funds raised to donate ShelterBoxes, with each \$1000 box providing a 10-person tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, a stove and other essentials for people displaced by natural disasters worldwide.

UniSA students and UniLife board members Mandy Koay, Yu-Fu Liu and John Anthony Sy say they were discussing the need for more movie nights for international students, and wondered if they could tie it in with a charity event.

"I happened to meet some people from the Rotary Club at a student night at the Student Lodge who mentioned they were collecting for the flood victims in Pakistan and that's how I found out about the ShelterBoxes," Mandy says.

"We thought donating a box would be a great way to make a real difference to people in urgent need of support.

"We're hoping to raise as much possible. Each ShelterBox costs \$1000 and it would be wonderful to raise that much, but if we don't manage it the Rotary Club will pitch in to help us reach that target."

The ShelterBox charity has been working with victims of earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, hurricanes, cyclones, tsunamis and conflicts since 2000.

Started in Cornwall, UK, by former Royal Navy search and rescue diver and Rotary member Tom Henderson, it began as a project of the local Rotary Club and has gone on to raise more than \$40 million which has provided aid in more than 80 major disasters, including the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar.

Free Movie Friday is on each Friday at room BH2-09, Barbara Hanrahan building, City West campus from 8pm. If you can't make the movie but wish to make a donation, please [email](#).

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Marketing pitch challenge

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by Lindsey Peshanoff

Two UniSA marketing students teamed with local ad agency FNUKY to wow Adelaide Marketing Week attendees with their creative skills during a pitch competition, similar to what you could see weekly on the ABC's *Gruen Transfer* program.

The competition brief, delivered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), was to come up with a creative concept to get more people into South Australia's National Parks.

The teams had to present the idea in less than 10 minutes to a crowd of more than 300 marketing professionals as well as parks enthusiasts, at Adelaide Marketing Week in late August.

DENR Marketing Adviser, Leah Young, said the Department saw the competition as an opportunity to get some fresh and exciting ideas to attract a new audience to national parks.

"We wanted a fresh perspective and thought, what better way to get new ideas than to team some of Adelaide's best creative brains with up and coming young marketers," said Young.

High-achieving students Matthew Collis and Darren Horne were selected to represent UniSA in the competition, going up against marketing students from Adelaide University and TAFE.

"I am a regular national park goer so I jumped at the opportunity to be involved in the challenge," Darren said.

"It gave me the chance to combine my two passions, marketing and the environment."

For the two months leading up to Marketing Week, Matthew and Darren worked with the team at FNUKY to develop their creative concept and while they just missed out on taking home the prize, their concept of the 'Outback Olympics' was loved by the audience.

The concept aimed to attract people to some of the State's more remote parks by hosting a national sporting competition, with each state and territory competing in events such as rock climbing and kayaking.

For Matt Collis, the best part of the adventure was the opportunity to gain industry experience while studying.

"Working with FNUKY was an amazing experience because I got to see firsthand how a real advertising agency operates," Matt said.

"The pitch competition took my learning out of the classroom and into a professional environment. I think it is this type of experience that employers are looking for."



A video of the *Green Transfer forum*, including the FNUKY/UniSA pitch, will soon be available [here](#).

Matt and Darren are studying undergraduate degrees at the UniSA's School of Marketing. For more information about studying marketing at UniSA visit the [website](#).

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Muslim understanding

The inaugural Director of the International Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding at UniSA's Hawke Research Centre, has been appointed.

Professor Salman Sayyid comes from the Centre of Ethnicity and Racism Studies at the University of Leeds, and has worked in a number of UK universities prior to that role.

Prof Sayyid will oversee \$10m of Federal and State funding to support scholars to develop and share ideas within the framework of a broader social justice agenda, devoted to understanding and transcending the divide between the Muslim and non-Muslim worlds.

New Dean of Graduate Studies

Professor Philip Weinstein started with UniSA as the Dean of Graduate Studies in October.

Prof Weinstein joined UniSA from the University of Queensland where he was Professor of Public and Environmental Health and Acting Head of the School of Population Health.

He has also previously worked at the University of Western Australia and the University of Otago. Prof Weinstein's research includes study of whole ecosystems to develop a better understanding of the relationship between human and ecosystem health. He has more than 150 publications in these areas.

As Dean of Graduate Studies he will help to lead UniSA's research education program.

Natural and Built Environments

Professor Simon Beecham will take up the role of Head of UniSA's School of Natural and Built Environments in November.

Prof Beecham is currently the Director of the SA Water Centre for Water Management and Reuse (CWMR) at UniSA. During his time with CWMR, Prof Beecham has made key contributions to government policy and environmental reporting.

New Professors at The Wark

Two new scientists joined The Ian Wark Research Institute recently as Research Professors.

Professor Thomas Nann was previously at the University of East Anglia in the UK where he was the Chair in Nanosciences.

Professor Dayang Wang joined the Wark after being a Group Leader at the Max Planck Institute for Colloids and Interfaces in Berlin.

Law Adjunct Professors

The School of Law has appointed **The Honourable Justice Robyn Layton** of the Supreme Court of South Australia, and the Director of Public Prosecutions **Stephen Pallaras QC**, as Adjunct Professors in the School.

Centre for Child Protection

Two new senior staff started at UniSA's Australian Centre for Child Protection in August. **Professor Marianne Berry** has been appointed as the Director of the Centre, coming from the University of Kansas where she was Professor of the School of Social Welfare. She is highly regarded in her field

internationally, continuing to be a very active researcher and publisher. **Associate Professor Leah Bromfield** joined the Centre as the Deputy Director. She was previously the Manager of the National Child Protection Clearinghouse at the Australian Institute of Family Studies. She has a national reputation as one of the leading authorities on child protection in Australia.

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Improving Indigenous education

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by Katrina Kalleske

UniSA's first Indigenous PhD graduate from the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research, hopes her research will lead to improved educational outcomes for Indigenous students.

Dr Kiara Rahman, who grew up in Adelaide and identifies as Yamatji/Badimaya, formally received her PhD at the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences graduation ceremony last month.

The 32-year-old mother of two was a teacher of Indigenous students prior to undertaking her PhD, and was inspired by her work with students to further investigate the factors behind Aboriginal students successfully completing their high school studies.

"During my time as a teacher I developed more practical understandings as to why some Indigenous students become disengaged with school and what helps develop students' drive and motivation to succeed educationally," Kiara said.

"The topic of my doctoral thesis began to form as I kept asking myself questions about what needs to be done in schools to improve levels of student learning and engagement, and how to increase the number of Indigenous students finishing Year 12.

"I wanted the research to be useful for schools; and I wanted the study to indicate what factors, whether school related, personal or cultural, potentially lead to improved schooling outcomes for Indigenous students."

Supervisor of Kiara's PhD, Senior Lecturer in the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research Dr Peter Gale, said that the research provides valuable data that contributes towards increasing the educational achievement of Indigenous students across Australia.

"The level of educational disadvantage experienced by Indigenous young people in Australia continues to be a major issue," Dr Gale said. "Kiara's research has sought to address such disadvantage through a focus on the factors that contribute to the successful completion of secondary education among Indigenous students in SA."

The outcome of Kiara's research which included surveys and interviews with students, was that significant factors in Indigenous students' success are family, school support assistance programs, and cultural programs.

"The role of culture has a significant influence on Indigenous student experiences, success and educational progress," Kiara said.

"Culture-based learning has the potential to improve Indigenous student educational outcomes.



Culturally responsive schooling is a promising strategy as it enhances student academic involvement in learning, while also respecting and valuing the importance of their cultures and world views.

“Family and community support is also paramount to Indigenous student school motivation, success, attendance and retention.

“Students who have supportive parents who value education, overall attend school more regularly and have a greater desire for learning and to continue on to complete Year 12.”

Kiara said that her student surveys and interviews indicated that school support assistance programs such as the government-funded ATAS tutoring program and school scholarship support, can also have a significant impact on Indigenous student learning outcomes, retention and attendance.

Kiara is now writing up her findings for a number of publications, and hopes to pursue more research about Indigenous education and some teaching.

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National stage for blokes' brain study [Back to story index](#)

by Alex Doudy

Making sense of a young bloke's brain may seem like a bewildering task, but PhD candidate Elena Rudnik's straightforward summary of her research on the topic has seen her win a university-wide competition.

The School of Psychology student who is based at UniSA's Whyalla campus, won the final of the University's Three Minute Thesis Competition which requires PhD candidates to convince an intelligent but non-specialist audience of the value of their studies in just three minutes without "dumbing down" the research.



Elena's winning presentation of her thesis - *Blokes' Brains and Behaviours: Relationships Between Health Behaviours, Executive Functions and Health Literacy of Young Adult Men* – means she will now go onto represent UniSA at the final of the Trans-Tasman Three Minute Thesis Competition. With support from UniSA, Elena will compete against 31 other students from universities across Australia and New Zealand in late September.

Elena's research found young men will act in accordance with the value they place on certain behaviours, a research field she's been interested in for some time.

"I've always worked with men in the area of rehabilitation and very little work seems to be done on the welfare of our working age men and I think that's a crucially important issue," Elena said.

Elena competed against fellow PhD candidates Diana Caroline Cicua-Navarro from the School of Psychology and Bernhard Lobmayr from the School of Commerce, and said communication skills and solid preparation helped her win the competition – especially practising in front of her children.

"If you can keep the kids interested you're on a winner," she said.

"I think public speaking is really important and that the communication expertise needed to condense a lot of work down into three minutes is an extremely useful and transferable skill."

With her PhD due in February next year, Elena is keen to find a stable research position.

"I'd love to have a research fellowship," she said. "The downside of research is the insecurity of tenure, in terms of having something that's at least a year or two instead of having to apply for research funding all the time."

Elena will compete in the final of the Three Minute Thesis Competition at the University of Queensland on September 21.

"I'll hopefully do UniSA and the regional campuses of Whyalla and Mount Gambier, the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School, and my supervisors Janet Bryan and Matt Haren proud," Elena said.

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SA's leading cancer research

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by Katrina Kalleske

UniSA is part of a new local collaboration that will place the State at the forefront of cancer research, prevention and treatment.

The South Australian Cancer Research Collaborative (SACRC) brings together expertise from the SA Government, Cancer Council SA, UniSA, Flinders University and the University of Adelaide.

Cancer Council SA and the State Government's decision to commit equally to \$20m over five years is supported by commitments from the universities to co-fund Research Chairs in Collaborative Cancer Research.



"This signals a switch from cancer research competition in this State to pursuing a concerted cooperative approach," said Professor Brenda Wilson, Chief Executive of Cancer Council SA.

"The one in two South Australians who experience cancer by the age of 85 will be the main beneficiary.

"It means that in addition to pursuing high quality biomedical research, researchers will focus on cancer behaviour and the performance of our services in SA to better define local cancer control needs, identify how effectively our services are addressing those needs and help close the gaps."

UniSA's Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj attended the launch of the collaboration in early September, and said that it had been about 18 months in the making.

"All of the institutions involved had to change their mindset to being in collaboration rather than in competition with each other," Prof Høj said.

"It is global competition that counts - we need to start looking towards more local collaborations so that together we can compete against the world and through that contribute and recruit the knowledge that will benefit cancer sufferers here and abroad."

Pro Vice Chancellor of the Division of Health Sciences, Professor Allan Evans, said the SACRC will encourage the three universities to work strategically to address major issues in cancer research, including cancer prevention, early detection and effective treatment.

"UniSA's Sansom Institute for Health Research will bring significant expertise to the collaborative," Prof Evans said.

"In particular our researchers will contribute with strategies for preventing cancer through dietary and other preventative approaches.

"The Sansom Institute will also bring its capabilities in the quality use of medicines, which investigates the rational use of medicines to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

“Our collaborations with the Ian Wark Research Institute will also bring significant expertise in the development of new delivery systems for improving the targeting of current drugs to cancerous tissue.

“In addition, the Sansom has expertise in pharmacogenomic approaches to the management of toxicity caused by cancer medicines and in the prediction of therapeutic benefit from new therapies.”

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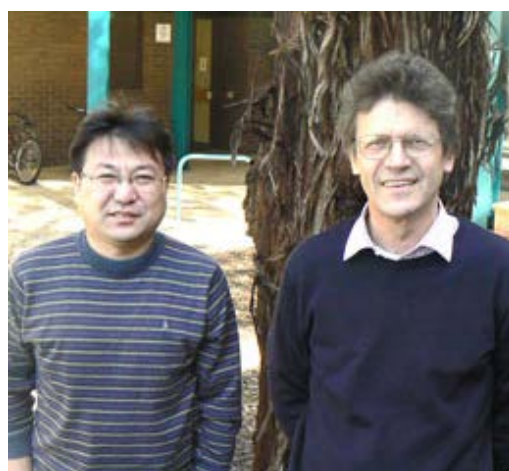
Visiting researchers build collaborations

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Studying tiny particles can get big results, just ask the two international experts who recently visited UniSA as part of the new Distinguished Researcher Award.

Both of the visitors to the Mawson Lakes campus focus on miniscule science that can have a significant impact on everyday issues.

Professor Michal Borkovec from the University of Geneva specialises in chemistry and colloid science - when a substance is microscopically dispersed evenly throughout another one; while Professor Zhengping Hao from the Chinese Academy of Sciences focuses on nanomaterials and nanostructures to benefit water and air purification.



Prof Borkovec, who spent six weeks at UniSA's Ian Wark Research Institute, has known Director of The Wark, Prof John Ralston, for about 10 years and the two have been talking about collaborating for some time now.

"The Wark is well known worldwide for its excellent colloid work," Prof Borkovec said. "We would like to start up a collaborative project and hope to start work on it next year depending on funding.

"It will involve researchers from both of our institutes plus we'd like to involve students and see them go on an exchange as part of it."

While details of the proposed project are under wraps at the moment, Prof Borkovec said he would bring his expertise in forces and how particles interact with each other to combine with the colloid science expertise at The Wark.

Recently he's been working on how particles interact with fibres, which has included collaboration with a Swiss perfume company wanting to incorporate longer-lasting perfumes into cloth fabric.

Having previously visited Adelaide during the heatwave of 2009, this time the Prof is travelling with his wife and two teenage children and says academic life at UniSA is quite similar to Europe.

"The main difference would be that in Europe many universities are a lot older – the University of Geneva is 451 years old. Our universities have had more time to build their reputation."

Also visiting Adelaide for the second time was Professor Zhengping Hao, who spent three weeks with Associate Professor Linda Zou from UniSA's SA Water Centre for Water Management and Reuse.

Prof Hao is an internationally recognised expert on porous materials and environmental pollution control and Director of the Department of Environmental Nanomaterials, Research Centre for Environmental Sciences at the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

For the past five years, Prof Hao and Prof Zou have been collaborating to look at nanostructured metal oxides such as titanium dioxide in water and air purification.

"Now our collaborative research is focused on drinking water purification, but in the future I hope to look at the treatment of industrial wastewater as well," said Prof Hao.

While air pollution and population overload are not big issues for South Australians like they are in his home town of Beijing, Prof Hao says the severe drought in our state makes water recycling a key concern – and nanotechnology could be one of the answers.

"The present age seems to be the time of nanomaterials," he said.

"Nanomaterials have the potential to significantly impact the remediation of environmental problems."

In 2009 a delegation from UniSA visited Prof Hao at his research centre in China and he says continuing the partnership is invaluable.

"These trips are very important for strengthening collaboration between the two research groups," Prof Hao said.

"The Distinguished Researcher Award has given me the chance to visit the university and meet with other professors to discuss further cooperation."

UniSA's Distinguished Researcher Award is being run for the first time in 2010 and sponsors five international researchers to visit Adelaide and boost research collaborations and outcomes.

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Ph: (08) 8302 2376
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Open weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm, excluding public holidays.

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Mount Gambier SA 5290
PO BOX 798 MOUNT GAMBIER 5290

Ph: +61 8 8721 8900 (local)*
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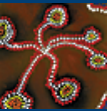
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This year's Open Day was the biggest yet with over 90 presentations, 80 information

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Missed a presentation?

If you didn't manage to make it to Open Day, watch our [program overview videos](#) to find out more about the range of programs on offer.

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UniSA holds a number of information sessions where you can visit our campuses and ask questions to assist with selecting courses and careers.

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Venture Catalyst Pitching & Information Session

8 September 2016

Do you have a great idea or an existing company that needs a financial injection to turn in Adelaide's...



The Futures of Waste - Keynote Address

8 September 2016

The role of sustainability and materials in the new innovation economy: Green Materials from Waste...



Upcoming events in Denmark

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EU Doctoral Pedagogies Colloquium: Models, Challenges, Outcomes

14 September - 15 September 2016

The Hawke EU Centre for Mobilities, Migrations and Cultural Transformations in collaboration with the...



2016 UniSA Nelson Mandela Lecture

15 September 2016

Discover a wealth of a different kind with Geraldine Cox AM



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NON-REPRESENTATIONAL THEORY: PERFORMATIVE, EMBODIED AND AFFECTIVE KNOWLEDGE

21 September 2016
Masterclass by Sir Nigel Thrift

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Foundations of active ageing

23 September 2016

As part of our Successful Ageing Seminar series, we invite you to attend this FREE seminar to hear from...



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28 September 2016

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12 October - 4 November 2016

A thematically linked multi-media Exhibition, these artworks reflect on different concepts and themes...



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31 October 2016

For the Hawke EU Centre Annual Lecture, Baroness Royall argues that the values of the European Union...



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Adelaide's International Jubilee Exhibition and Building (1887-1962)

09 November - 30 November 2016

An exhibition exploring an 1887 Exhibition, held in the Jubilee Exhibition building, and tracks the...



Welcome House

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An exhibition created by members of the refugee community, who receive support from Kilburn's 'Mercy...



National Water Forum 2016

11 November 2016

Are integrated decisions about water management better than stand-alone choices?



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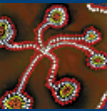
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- choose the voice to use
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15MB Free Disk Space

Recommended Browsers: Internet Explorer 6, 7 or 8. Firefox 3.6
For PDFs: Acrobat Reader 9

Apple Mac users

OSX 10.3.9 or later (now supports Mac OSX Snow Leopard)
256 Mb RAM (512 Mb is preferable)
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